ODYSSEY ASHORE

Shore Excursions:

Alaska, the Route of the Glaciers

1995

Aboard the Royal Odyssey

Royal Cruise Line

Dear Cruise Guest:

Royal Cruise Line takes pleasure in presenting these selected shore excursions to assist you in experiencing the best of what's offered in the various ports of call. Generally, they will include as many of the points of interest as practical, without concentrating on the more detailed exploration of special interests.

To get the most out of our shore excursion program, attend the port briefings which will be presented on your cruise. Feel free to ask any questions about the excursions at the Shore Excursion Office.

About Your Destination

Visas and Documents

All U.S. citizens must carry proof of U.S. Citizenship. This may be a valid U.S. passport, an expired U.S. passport (expired no more than five-years) or an original, or notarized copy of your Birth Certificate (showing birthplace U.S.A.). All other nationalities should contact Royal Cruise Line for documentation requirements.

Climate and Clothing Recommendation

Alaska is subject to variable weather. During the summer season, it can change rather quickly from warm and sunny to chilly and wet.

Although this is usually a comfortable time of year, it would not be unusual to experience at least some rain during your cruise. Bring some warm clothing for cold snaps and for exploring the vicinity of glaciers, where the natural "air-conditioning" keeps the air chilled all the time. You can enjoy Alaska no matter what the weather with good rain-gear (including appropriate footwear). Comfortable loose-fitting clothing and well broken-in shoes are always the order of the day for shore excursions.

About the Excursions:

Motorcoaches

Our excursions will utilize the best quality coaches available in every port. They will be air-conditioned wherever such equipment exists. There are ports in which no air-conditioning is available.

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Smoking
All coaches on all tours will be labeled ***No Smoking.***

Tour Capacities
Certain optional excursions will not operate without a minimum participation, and others have a maximum capacity. Please attend the briefing on board or ask at the Shore Excursion Office if you have questions about these limits.

Rest Stops
Comfort stops have been arranged for your convenience.

Guides
All guides are English-speaking and licensed. If you feel your guide has done a particularly good job, you may thank him with a small gratuity—it's up to you, of course. Possibly $1 for a half-day tour and $2 for a full-day tour.

Shopping
We try to include time for shopping in our shore excursions. Sometimes this is an option at the end of a tour. *Royal Cruise Line assumes no responsibility for purchases made ashore.*

Late Dinners
If your shore excursion ends after normal shipboard meal hours, and if no meals were provided on the tour, a meal will be provided to you on your return aboard.

Passengers Needing Special Assistance
Certain tours on our shore excursion program may not be advisable for passengers who have difficulty moving about. Please seek the advice of the Shore Excursion Office if you have special needs or questions. *Wait to purchase your excursions until you get on board.*

Purchasing Shore Excursions
This booklet contains descriptions of OPTIONAL shore excursions which may be purchased on board at the Shore Excursion Office. There is no Advance Purchase Package of tours for this itinerary.

Prices

Prices are subject to change without notice. *Any unused Shore Excursion tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE.*

Shore Excursion Tour Operators

Shore Excursion tour operators are independent contractors and Royal Cruise Line shall not be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury due to accidents or delays or any act or omission of the tour operators. Shore excursions are subject to change due to local customs, strikes, holidays, equipment substitutions or other circumstances beyond the control of Royal Cruise Line. Changes may also be made to ensure the well-being of the passenger.

Independent Sightseeing

You may wish to be "on your own" and do what you enjoy most at your own pace.

Our Shore Excursion personnel are well informed about Royal Cruise Line tours, but cannot be expected to know many specific facts about ports and places. However, you will receive a port-of-call information sheet prior to arrival at each port.

Detailed subject-to-change information (such as bus/train schedules, museum hours, etc.) is available at a special Hospitality Desk open for three hours after the ship's arrival in some ports-of-call.

A Note about Sales of Tours in Alaska:

Due to the number of choices of tours, and the fact that many of the flight tours have limited capacities and multiple departures at different times during the day, we are not able to satisfactorily pre-sell excursion packages as we do elsewhere in the world.

However, we find that since we have multiple departures of flight tours, and a variety of these tours at all ports, you may be assured of getting on a flight tour somewhere along the way if you so desire.

This means that all passengers who want to purchase shore excursions must go to the Shore Excursion Office to buy them. We suggest that you study the excursion descriptions carefully, and select those tours you would prefer in advance of arrival on board. There will be staff available to help with any questions as you approach the Shore Excursion desk. In this way, your turn at the desk can be limited to actual ordering and purchasing of the tours.

If you do not wish to join flight tours, which have limited capacities and multiple departures, we suggest that you wait until after the first rush to purchase your excursions. Motorcoach tours in general have very high maximum capacities and there is no chance of them selling out before you can purchase them.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during the sales of shore excursions on board.

Ketchikan, Alaska

Saxman Native Village Tour

Just south of Ketchikan is Saxman, a village of Tlingit, Tsimshian and Haida families who own the world's largest collection of authentic totem poles. Leave Ketchikan and travel via motorcoaches to this small village nestled among scenic forests.

You will be greeted upon arrival in Saxman by members of the tribe who will portray the history of the community by means of a short slide show.

You will be treated to a cultural presentation in the Tribal House featuring performers in traditional ceremonial regalia—be sure to have plenty of film for this! Then move to the Totem Park for a tour of the collection of authentic carved poles representing the hierarchy of traditional native spirits, and a demonstration of native crafts such as totem-carving. Your Tlingit tour host will board the coach to say farewell and give you a Saxman Village pin as a token of thanks.

Then, filled with colorful memories of Alaska's native people and their unique totems, return to Ketchikan and the *Odyssey*.

2 1/2-Hour Tour: US $43
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office.

Ketchikan City Express

For a panoramic survey of this historic town, consider taking this one-hour tour which will acquaint you with the town's highlights and leave you plenty of time for shopping or individual interests. Sights include the infamous Creek Street, fish plants, and bustling boat and float plane harbors en route to a picture stop across from the Ketchikan Pulp Mill.

1-Hour Tour: US $18
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office.

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Misty Fjords by Vistaliner Seaplane

One of Alaska's great natural wonders is the magnificent Misty Fjords National Monument. Experience this exquisite place by seaplane—and not just any seaplane! You'll fly from the Ketchikan waterfront aboard a Vistaliner—a Twin Otter aircraft equipped with special panoramic viewing windows, individual headsets for a full narration (and even special jacks for plugging in your video camera!). Follow your progress on your complimentary guidebook and route map as you continue into Alaska's unspoiled wilderness, sweeping past 3,000-foot cliffs and deep into lush, forested valleys carved by glaciers. As you skim over the deep blue fjords, cascading waterfalls dash down the steep slopes. Weather permitting, your Vistaliner will come to rest on one of the lakes or fjords, and you can spend a short while in the majestic stillness and beauty of this remote wilderness—to take photographs, or simply to absorb it all. Soon you are airborne again, with stunning panoramas sweeping by your window as you return to Ketchikan and your waiting *Odyssey*.

Approximately 2-Hour Tour including 75-minute flight and landing: US $165
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

Misty Fjords Flightseeing by Alaska Bush Float Plane

Alaska's charming towns are only half the story. To truly appreciate the beauty and grandeur of Alaska, try a bird's-eye view! As Alaska's great glaciers retreated, they left a land of extraordinary beauty: rugged cliffs, waterfalls plunging into fjords, lakes and snow-capped mountains.

Climb aboard a floatplane and begin your thrilling flight into the wilderness of Alaska. From high above, follow the winding fjords as they wind deep into the heart of the coastal mountains. Marvel at the continuously changing panorama of sea and forest, lakes and rushing streams. Dramatic peaks capped with eternal snows rise beyond and above Misty Fjords. Your plane will touch down briefly in this primeval wilderness before rising again to carry you over the Great Land to Ketchikan and the *Odyssey*.

2-Hour Tour including 75-minute flight: US $155

OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

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Ketchikan Canoe Adventure

For an exciting, fun experience of Southeast Alaska, we offer this special interest excursion.

Leave the pier in Ketchikan by motorcoach, drive out to a secluded mountain lake in the Tongass National Forest to be briefed before boarding a giant 37-foot canoe. Everyone has a life jacket and a paddle, and as you share in the fun of paddling across the lake, keep your eyes open for eagles and other wildlife. Step ashore for a snack including local delicacies like smoked fish, clam chowder, sourdough rolls with wild berry jams, and beverages.

Take a short exploratory walk with your knowledgeable guide, who will interpret the local forest for you. Rubber boots, ponchos, and life jackets are provided for this "Rain or Shine" fun tour. Then return by motorcoach to Ketchikan to share with your shipmates the tales of your day's adventures!

3 1/2-Hour Tour including refreshments: US $74
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

Ketchikan Salmon Fishing

The waters around Ketchikan teem with salmon and other sport fish, and anglers fly in from all around the world to try their luck. Since you're already here, why not have a go?

Your five-hour fishing excursion will feature modern, professional boats equipped with all tackle, bait and snacks. You may purchase either a one-day license ($10) or if you plan to fish in another port, a three-day license on board. You may keep two King Salmon, or six pink or silver salmon. There is an additional $10 "retention tag" required for keeping a King Salmon. You can arrange to have your catch frozen, smoked or canned and shipped to your home.

Whatever your catch, you're sure to come away with the memories of a day well spent in the stimulating natural surroundings of Alaska's shoreline—often including close encounters with seals, whales and other marine life. Good luck!

Approximately 5-Hour Tour: US $150
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

Totem Bight Tour

Visit the world's foremost collection of standing totem poles. Drive from Ketchikan through the Tongass National Forest with your knowledgeable guide who will tell you about this great remaining stand of old-growth cedar and hemlock trees. Arrive at Totem Bight State Park and discover an ancient native American campsite where these magnificent trees were transformed by skilled carvers into statuesque totems with great significance to the native peoples. Your guide will explain the many different characters depicted on the poles, and their meaning in local lore. Here, also view a replica of a ceremonial Clan House.

Nearby you will also see the world's largest pulp mill, surrounded by log rafts and "boom boats." Return to Ketchikan and visit the Totem Heritage Center, a living museum of local native culture including crafts and oral history collections. During your return to the *Odyssey,* view historic Creek Street and the town's busy harbor.

Approximately 2 1/2-Hour Tour: US $31
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office.

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Rustic Alaska Jet Boat Adventure

This exciting tour includes a cruise by modern, enclosed jet-boat for a water-level view of the lifestyle of modern Alaskans living beyond the reach of the roads.

During your motorcoach transfer from your *Odyssey* to the luxurious Salmon Falls Resort, your guide will introduce you to many facts about the people who choose Southeast Alaska as their year-round home. Once at the resort, you'll board a sleek, glass-enclosed jet-boat to cruise through the passages of the Behm Canal. Pass many modern seaside homes, rustic cabins and commercial operations, which your guide will describe and interpret for you. There's a lot to be told about the histories and character of the families who chose to leave the towns and push out into wild Alaska.

Reach the small town of Loring on Naha Bay. Hear about its founding in 1893, its heyday as the largest fishing station in Southeast Alaska and the days when it was the prime port for all of Alaska.

Fly smoothly across the water and return to the resort. Beverages and a light snack will be served at Salmon Falls Resort. Reboard your motorcoach for more sightseeing, more stories and a complete city tour on your return to the waiting *Odyssey*.

Approximately 3 1/2-Hour Tour including 1 1/2-Hour cruise and refreshments: US $79
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office.
Participation is limited.

Juneau, Alaska

Juneau Highlights

The capital city of Juneau is unique—it's the only capital which cannot be reached by road! Once your *Odyssey* is docked at Juneau, board a deluxe motorcoach for a survey of Juneau including viewing the Capitol Building, the Governor's Mansion and the University of Alaska's Southeast Campus. Juneau's great Mendenhall Glacier is unique too. It is the only "drive-up" glacier, and the only one located within city limits! From the U.S. Forest Service Observatory, view the rugged face of the glacier, scarred with deep crevasses and glowing in myriad shades of brilliant blue. The ice has retreated for the last two-hundred years, and along its face the land is "brand-new," having been covered by the ice for ten thousand years!

Also visit the world-class Gastineau Salmon Hatchery. Inside the facility, you'll find interpretive displays on the life cycle of salmon and different hatchery operations. Saltwater aquariums enable close-up viewing of salmon and 100 other species of Alaskan sea life.

2 1/2-Hour Tour: US $31
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office.

Mendenhall Glacier Express Tour

Even if you want to explore Juneau on your own or spend more time in town, you won't want to pass up this one-hour visit to the world's only "drive-up" glacier! Your coach carries you to the U.S. Forest Service Observatory, where you are free to enjoy the many exhibits or take a short walk on one of the area's nature trails. Then it's back to the port and the *Odyssey* to enjoy the rest of your stay in Juneau.

Approximately 1-Hour Tour: $20
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office.

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Mendenhall Glacier Helicopter Expedition

A fantastic and unforgettable experience in Alaska is to actually set foot on a great glacier! This tour by Temsco Helicopter takes you above the icy ramparts of Mendenhall Glacier and sets you down on a field of ice.

From shipside, drive out to the heliport to board the copter. Sunglasses are a must as light conditions can be bright even on overcast days. Your air tour includes views of the twisted ice spires, deep crevasses, and intricate patterns of translucent blues and deep purples. Set down on the ice and join the passengers of other helicopters as a guide explains the dynamics of this living river of ice. You will have a chance to walk on this shining ice field hundreds of feet thick! Warm "moon boots" and rain gear, if necessary, are provided.

Your helicopter returns to pluck you off the ice and return you safe and sound to the heliport and then to the waiting *Odyssey*.

2-Hour Tour including 50-Minute Flight: US $149

OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

Mendenhall Glacier Float Trip

A gentle, but exciting tour by motorcoach and raft along Mendenhall Lake and down a few stretches of very mild rapids.

Leave by motorcoach from Juneau for the Mendenhall Valley. At the West Glacier area of the lake, you will be briefed, given life jackets and boots, and board an 8-10 person raft rowed by an experienced guide. Glide across the smooth lake, view the great glacier from an unusual perspective. Your guide steers the raft into the river, where you'll thrill to the roller coaster ride down the rapids. Midway, stop for a snack of cider and smoked salmon, reindeer sausage, and cheese topped by the now famous "Martha's Mendenhall Madness."

After your snack, float down to the take-out point, turn in the rafting gear, and return to town on the motorcoach.

This tour operates in any weather.

3 1/2-Hour Tour: US $89
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

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Taku Glacier Lodge Flight & Salmon Bake

The luxurious Taku Glacier Lodge is accessible only by air or by boat at high tide. From the glacier runs the Taku River, one of the largest salmon spawning systems in Alaska; and the river valley teems with wildlife. Here prospectors still look for furs and food, as in years gone by.

Leave Juneau by floatplane, fly above the fabulous Juneau Ice Field (1,500 square miles of solid ice!) and see huge icebergs floating in the glacial lakes. Descend from the glaciers to the forests and meadows that skirt the river. Here the plane touches down and you are welcomed to famous Taku Glacier Lodge tucked between towering mountains. Mary Joyce began her acclaimed 1,000-mile dog sled journey to Fairbanks from this cozy lodge. You'll be treated to a superb meal of fresh grilled salmon and the fixings accompanied by beer, wine, and surrounded by the soaring beauty of the Alaskan wilds. Afterward, walk off the feast by strolling up to the forest to see nesting eagles, or hike the River Overlook Trail.

Bid farewell to your gracious hosts and to this dramatic setting, and board your plane for the return flight to Juneau and the waiting *Odyssey*.

2 1/2- to 3-Hour Tour: US $168
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

Juneau & the Great Glaciers Helicopter Expedition

This three-part helicopter expedition explores Juneau, the alpine mountain valley above, and the Ice Field and four of its most impressive glaciers, including a landing on one of them. Drive from the dock to a heliport just outside of town. Board your five-passenger twin-star helicopter with your pilot/guide. Once you're off the ground, you'll fly up the Gastineau Channel for a panoramic view of the town and your *Odyssey* at the dock. You will also see the historic mines and mills that made Juneau's fortune.

Cross the Channel and you'll ascend the steep valleys of Gold Fork and Carlson Creek, dotted with alpine meadows, lakes and streams. This is a good time to watch for mountain goats or bears.

Next you come to the astounding survey of four primary glaciers: the advancing Taku, retreating Norris, the spectacular icefall of Hole-in-the-Wall Glacier, and the dramatic crevasses of Dead Branch. Land on one of the glaciers and your pilot will shut off the engine and walk with you around the surface exploring ice pools and explaining the activity of the glaciers. High traction "moon boots" are provided. Follow the walk, and you'll take off again for a breathtaking ascent over the mountain rim to the shining ice field, then down the steep mountainsides to Juneau and the heliport, filled with wonderful memories of this unique experience on top of the world.

2-Hour Tour including 1-Hour flight: US $161
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

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Alaskan Salmon Bake

An original Alaskan outdoor feast along the banks of famous Gold Creek. Justly described as "folksy and fun, and the food is fine!"

Dress casually for the out-of-doors and board the Salmon Bake Special school bus shipside, for a gorgeous ride up the banks of Salmon Creek nestled in the lush foliage of southeast Alaska's rainforest. Arrive and walk down to the campfire area where salmon is grilled over glowing alderwood coals for you! There is also a selection of ribs, salads, sourdough bread and drinks available. Sit under awnings in a rustic, fun setting beside the rushing creek, and enjoy these local delicacies. After your meal, roast a marshmallow over the coals, or stroll up the pathway that leads to the old mill and mine on the slope above.

Approximately 1 1/2-Hour Tour including meal: US $25

OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

Juneau Sport-fishing

Every angler's dream is to pursue the fabulous variety and abundance of Alaska's bounty of game fish. This excursion lasts about five hours aboard a professional fishing excursion boat supplied with bait, tackle and snacks. Participants should wear layers of clothing and shoes with good traction. Rain gear if needed, will be supplied by the boat. The boats hold from four to six anglers, depending on conditions. A one-day fishing license may be purchased on board for $10 (if you are going to fish in another port, buy a three-day license for $15). You are allowed to take two King Salmon, or six pink or silver salmon. Aside from the superb fishing, the day also brings you close-up to nature, often including marine life such as seals and whales, and spectacular views! You can make arrangements to have your catch frozen, smoked or canned, and shipped to your home. Good luck!

Approximately 5-Hour Excursion: US $146
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

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Douglas Island Nature Walk

This naturalist-guided walk offers participants the opportunity to get out and experience Alaska's rainforest and tidal beaches in small groups with an expert interpreter. You'll be walking about 1 1/2 miles, along well-maintained trails that penetrate the wide variety of ecosystems which thrive on Douglas Island. During your leisurely, 2-hour walk, you will become familiar with the rich plant life of the forest, the profusion of life in the nearby waters, and, depending on the run, you will probably be able to walk beside a stream teeming with spawning salmon. There is ample opportunity for photography and interpretative stops, and a superb view of Mendenhall Glacier across the Gastineau Channel. Ponchos and appropriate footwear are available for this "all-weather" excursion. The trails, while not steep, are forest trails, and participants should be in good shape and able to walk easily over uneven terrain.

Approximately 3-Hour Tour: US $53
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

Mining History Walking Tour

Explore the ruins of the great Treadwell Mine on Douglas Island with an expert interpreter. Your guide is well-versed both in the factual history of the mines and the legends and tall tales that survive about its heyday.

The Treadwell was the largest gold mine in the world in 1891. Disastrous cave-ins closed it in the '20's, and since then the forces of nature have begun to reclaim the terrain. During your leisurely 2-hour (1 1/2 mile) walk, aided by original photographs, your guide will magically recreate for you the industry which thrived where only ruins remain.

The walking is not steep, but on forest trails and uneven surfaces. Participants should be in good shape. Ponchos and appropriate footwear are available to make this an "all-weather" excursion. The natural settings and the relics of a vanished technology make this a photographer's paradise.

Approximately 3-Hour Tour: US $53
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

Klondike Summit & Gold Rush Trail Camp

A guaranteed good time is had by all on this unique combination tour.

Begin with an ascent in a luxury motorcoach up the historic Klondike Highway. Your knowledgeable driver/guide narrates this climb to over 3,000 feet to the summit. You'll be delighted by breathtaking views of the mountain pass, as well as views of the old foot trail and the narrow gauge railway that was the only link to the Klondike for most of the last century.

Return to the foot of the Trail, get set for fun and frolic as you visit the Gold Rush Trail Camp, an authentic recreation of the rough-and-tumble tent cities of the Goldrush Era. Wander through the tent city, and view authentic details of clothing and other artifacts and mementos left behind by miners, merchants and "Ladies of the Evening." Grab a pan and try your hand at gold-panning. You get to keep all you find!

Then gather 'round the woodstove and warm your hands while an old sourdough, revives the rollicking legends of those bygone days in verse, story and song. Have your picture taken with a dog sled team of Grant Mackenzie River Huskies.

Later as you return to the dock, pass through the historic heart of Skagway, where your driver/guide will entertain you with stories of the famous and the foolhardy who came North for the gold.

Approximately 3-Hour Tour including refreshment: US $39
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

Skagway Historical City Tour & Gold Rush Trail Camp

Combine an enjoyable, lighthearted history lesson with the rough-and-ready atmosphere of a Goldrush tent city on this half-day excursion.

Leave the harbor in a deluxe motorcoach, enjoy a survey of Skagway's central district, including many well-preserved old stores, dance halls and saloons dating from the Yukon goldrush. As your knowledgeable driver/guide regales you with the history and legends of the brave little community, visit the Trail of '98 Museum, the grave of notorious badman Soapy Smith, and the yard of the White Pass & Yukon Railway. Then drive out of town to the Gold Rush Trail Camp, a faithful reproduction of an impromptu tent city that sprung up at the foot of the White Pass trail. There you'll see how the men lived as they prepared to make the trek, and view many actual artifacts and clothing left behind by the miners and the "ladies of the evening" who populated towns like this all along the trail. You can even try your hand at goldpanning—and keep all you find! Then settle around the campfire and hear an old sourdough recite poetry, songs and tales of the goldrush heroes and heroines who made the Klondike lode their quest. Later, filled with colorful memories of Skagway's brawling past, return to the harbor and your waiting *Odyssey*.

Approximately 2 3/4-Hour Tour: US $39
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office.

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White Pass Scenic Railway

After having been closed for a number of years, the historic White Pass & Yukon Railway is once again open for passenger excursions.

A unique way to recapture the spirit of the great Gold Rush of 1898 when this spectacular narrow gauge railroad was first constructed. It has since served the Yukon gold fields, the construction of the Alaska Highway, and the postwar mining development of the interior.

The train, comprised of vintage "parlor cars," departs from directly beside your *Odyssey*. Once you leave Skagway, the Alaskan wilderness unfolds outside your window as you climb the grade past Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point, and Dead Horse Gulch where the original Klondike "Trail of '98" is etched into the rock for all to see.

Reach White Pass Summit, the international boundary between Alaska and the Yukon Territory and your train returns down to the tidewater and to your waiting *Odyssey*.

3-Hour Tour: US $77
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office.

The Vintage Skagway Streetcar Tour

Step back into a bygone era as you board these immaculately restored vintage motorcars with your appropriately uniformed guide for an "inside" look at the historic boomtown of Skagway. You'll drive through the Historic District, with its board sidewalks and old buildings, up to the Lookout with stunning views of the valley and the Lynn Canal and the Gold Rush Graveyard. Hear spellbinding tales of the colorful characters who made Skagway their home: pioneer Captain William Moore, outlaw Soapy Smith and hotelier "Ma" Pullen. Become a member of the Grand Camp Lodge, at the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, just like President Warren G. Harding did 70 years ago. The streetcars have windowed side-curtains for inclement weather, but dress for the out-of-doors and discover the Skagway of another era.

2-Hour Tour: US $38
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office.

Vintage Streetcar/White Pass Summit Combination

To the tour described above, add an ascent in modern vans to White Pass Summit, some 3,000 feet above Skagway. The scenic road allows great views of the old White Pass Trail, the railway and the mountain scenery. The tour will stop in the Historic District before returning to the ship. Since this tour enters Canada, participants must bring identification along.

Approximately 3-Hour Tour: US $60
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

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Helicopter Expedition to the Chilkoot Trail & the Glaciers

This fascinating flight tour gives participants a rare insight into the country beyond Skagway, and the mountain passes which were the most formidable test of prospectors on their way to Klondike goldfields. Then continue up to the mountain passes where you visit hanging glaciers.

Leave by modern turbine helicopter and rise above the town and ascend along the deeply cut valleys which lead to the passes. Once beyond the reach of civilization, settle down on a glacier where you may walk about and explore the icy surface, using special "moon boots" provided by the helicopter service. Bring your sunglasses and plenty of film for this unforgettable experience. Once you've explored the majestic glacier, reboard the helicopter, ascend and then swoop back down the slopes to the town of Skagway, and the waiting *Odyssey*.

1 1/2-Hour Tour including 50-minute flight: US $149

OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

Chilkat Eagle Preserve Flight & Float Tour

This unique tour combines flightseeing of the Chilkat Mountains, great glaciers, and mountain passes with a leisurely float trip to view the wildlife of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve.

Leave from Skagway airport and you'll experience a thrilling 45-minute flight over brilliant blue glaciers, rugged ridges, and alpine slopes which sometimes reveal mountain goats or other wildlife. Land at Haines, where you will be met by your expert river guides for a half-hour drive up the Chilkat Valley to the Bald Eagle Preserve. Here you board 18-foot inflatable rafts for an easy float down the Chilkat River (this trip involves *no white water!*)

The salmon running up the river provide a bountiful source of food for predators such as bald eagles, grizzly bears and even wolves. Your silent float down the river is likely to provide close-up viewing of these and other wildlife along the banks. Moose are also sometimes seen browsing at the forest's edge. You will float past the riverside village of Klukwan, the ancestral home of the Chilkat Indians who continue to live here in harmony with the river and the forest. Touch the banks of the river and land for a picnic lunch in a spectacular setting. Return to Haines and re-board your aircraft for a stunning return flight to Skagway over gleaming ice fields and the Upper Lynn Canal. Land at Skagway and reflect on the wonders of Alaska's natural splendor as you ride back to Skagway and the *Odyssey.*

5 1/2-Hour Tour including picnic lunch: US $195
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants.

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Alaska Nature Tour & Glacier Flightseeing

From Skagway, fly over the scenic fjords of the Coastal Range to land at Haines at the mouth of the Chilkat Valley, known as the "Valley of the Eagles." Board an expedition bus here with a professional naturalist guide, to drive along the coastal beach, keeping a sharp eye out for waterfowl, seals, porpoises, whales and salmon. Near the mouth of the Chilkoot River, bald eagles are often seen feeding on the flats, perched in treetops or soaring overhead. Your guide has a powerful spotting scope to give you a closeup view of these magnificent birds, as well as their nests and perhaps agile mountain goats on the slopes above.

Later, stop by the shores of a mountain lake before entering the old-growth rainforest where your guide identifies the colorful array of flowers, berries, trees and shrubs. You are invited to discover the variety of Alaska's wild edibles, and take home a gift of delicious wild berry jam.

Following this foray into wild Alaska, fly back to Skagway over lush valleys where moose and bear are often seen. Before touching down at Skagway, fly over the brilliant blue Rainbow and Davidson glaciers.

Bring binoculars, cameras, warm clothes and a love of discovery!

Approximately 3 3/4-Hour Tour including 45-minute flight: US $149
OPTIONAL. Available on board at the Shore Excursion Office to a limited number of participants. *Walking, but not strenuous.*

Conditions

Individual tickets for the above excursions may be purchased on board at the Shore Excursion Office on a "space available" basis. It is not possible to make substitutions for the above tours or to pre-book individual excursions or Optional Tours.

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